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Title: SELECTING INPUT/OUTPUT DEVICES TO CONTROL POWER  
CONSUMPTION OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2007, kindly amend the application  
identified above as follows.